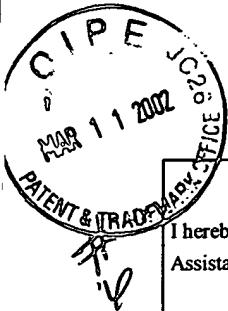


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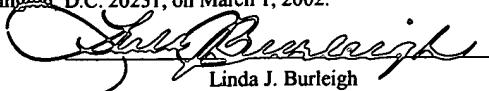


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In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/826,267

Filing Date: April 4, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND TECHNIQUE FOR  
UNIFORM LOADING OF  
ENDOLUMINAL PROSTHESES

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: 3738

REQUEST FOR A CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Dear Sir:

Please furnish the undersigned with a corrected Filing Receipt for the above-identified application. The correction requested is based on the following:

1. Applicant received a Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a nonprovisional application dated May 9, 2001 indicating a filing/receipt date of April 4, 2001;
2. Applicant also received a Filing Receipt dated May 9, 2001 indicating a filing date of April 4, 2001;
3. After duly responding to the Notice of Omitted Item(s), Applicant received a Cover Letter for Correction of Previous Notice dated August 27, 2001 stating that "the Notice

mailed on 05/09/2001 was sent in error and is hereby withdrawn. A corrected Notice is enclosed." This was a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, Filing Date Granted; however, the filing date indicated was that of June 6, 2001 rather than the correct date of April 4, 2001; and

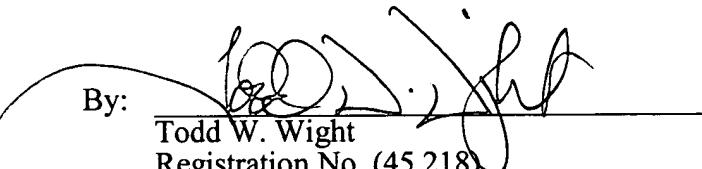
4. Applicant submits that in light of the withdrawal of the Notice of Omitted Item(s), the original filing date of April 4, 2001 should be reinstated.

Copies of each of the documents referenced above and a marked-up Filing Receipt are attached.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this request and the Patent Office determines that a fee is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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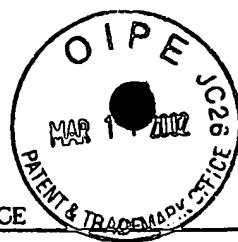
  
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- Figure(s) 8,9,10 described in the specification.

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II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice.

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In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid

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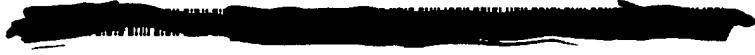
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